S/N Unknown **PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Toru TAKAYAMA

Examiner:

Unknown

Filed:

Filed herewith

Docket No.:

10873.1414US01

Title:

SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE AND OPTICAL PICK UP

APPARATUS USING THE SAME

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10:
"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV 322888039 US

Date of Deposit: March 9, 2004

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Name: Teresa Anderson

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided, as this application was filed after June 30, 2003. A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

Japanese reference 2001-196694 corresponds with U.S. 6,518,159.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.

P.O. Box 2903

Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903

(612) 332-5300

Dated: March 9, 2004

By:

Douglas P. Mueller

Reg. No. 30,300

DPM/jh

23552

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date Mailed: March 9, 2004 Sheet 1 of 1

FORM 1449* INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	Docket Number: 10873.1414US01	Application Number: Unknown	
IN AN APPLICATION	Applicant: Toru Takayama		
(Use several sheets if necessary)	Filing Date: March 9, 2004	Group Art Unit: Unknown	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	6,518,159	02.2003	Tsunoda				
·							
==-					<u> </u>		
						<u> </u>	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS		LATION
		<u> </u>				YES	NO
	2001-196694	07.2001	Japan			See IDS	
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
					·		

23552
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

	
EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.